

## JAY SCHNEIDERMAN Supervisor

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## EMERGENCY ORDER # 1 OF 2020

## **DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY**

The undersigned, as Supervisor of the Town of Southampton, pursuant to the authority by Article 2-B, Section 24 of the Executive Law of the State of New York, has the authority to declare a state of emergency in the event of imminent danger to residents of the Town; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC); and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, by Executive Order No. 202, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo declared a Public Health Emergency as a result of the COVID-19, and further extended said Emergency by Executive Order No. 202.1 and 202.2, on March 12, 2020, and March 14, 2020, respectively; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Suffolk County Executive, Steven Bellone, declared a State of Emergency to address the threat to the health and welfare of Suffolk County residents and visitors posed by COVID-19 and to perform such emergency measures as deemed necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southampton is taking appropriate actions to minimize the threat from COVID-19 to the public health, safety, and welfare of its employees, residents, and guests; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor, in consultation with the Town Code Compliance and Emergency Management Administrator and the Southampton Town Police Chief, hereby finds that public safety is imperiled and an imminent danger exits; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Executive Law of the State of New York, I hereby direct the following, effective as of **4:30 p.m.** on **March 16, 2020**, and effective through **March 31, 2020**:

IT IS ORDERED that the following emergency order be hereby adopted and implemented:

1. The Southampton Town Supervisor, in consultation with the Town Code Compliance and Emergency Management Administrator and the Southampton Town Police Chief, is authorized to take whatever actions are necessary to protect life and property, and

public infrastructure, and to perform other such emergency assistance as deemed necessary.

- 2. Town Hall, and all administrative Town offices, including, but not limited to, the Community Preservation Fund office, the Town Clerk's Annex, the Parks Department, and the Highway Department, shall be closed to the public.
- 3. The regularly scheduled public meetings of all boards and committees, including, but not limited to, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Conservation Board, shall be cancelled. The Town Board meetings will continue as scheduled, though all public hearings shall be postponed. Said meetings shall be closed to the public. Town Board meetings will continue to be televised. Provisions shall be made for public comment.
- 4. All bid submissions and scheduled bid openings shall be postponed until further notice.
- 5. All recreational programs are suspended.
- 6. The adult day care program is suspended.

Residents are urged to utilize online services offered by the Town, and to utilize email and telephone communications in place of traveling to any Town facilities; all credit card processing fees/charges shall be waived. In an effort to aid residents, document drops will be available during regular business hours in the lobby of Town Hall.

This Emergency Order shall continue in full force and effect through March 31, 2020, unless otherwise amended, modified, or rescinded, or upon the declaration of the Supervisor that the emergency no longer exists, whichever occurs sooner.

This Order shall be issued in triplicate and shall be filed within 72 hours, or as soon thereafter as practical, in the Office of the Suffolk County Clerk, the Southampton Town Clerk, and the Office of the Secretary of State, and a copy of this Order shall be published in the Southampton Press.

Dated: March 16, 2020

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Jay Schneiderman

Supervisor, Town of Southampton